

Agenda Schools Forum

**Monday 11 December 2023 at 2.30 pm
in the Council Chamber - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

1 Election of Chair

To elect the Chair of Schools Forum for a period of two years.

2 To note the new Maintained and Academy Primary Representatives and the new Early Years Partnership Representative

To note Alison Gilbert as the new Maintained Primary Representative, Rob Reed and Joe Farmer as the new Academy Primary Representatives and Claire Spooner as the new Early Years Partnership Representative.

3 Apologies for Absence 11 - 12

To receive any apologies for absence.

4 Declarations of Interest 13 - 14

Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

5 Minutes 15 - 22

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2023 as a correct record.



6 **Schools Funding Consultation 2024/25 –
Response Results** 23 - 36

To consider the Schools Funding Consultation 2024/25 – Response Results.

7 **Dedicated Schools Grant Budget Monitor
Report 2023/24** 37 - 40

To consider and note the Dedicated Schools Grant Budget Monitor – Period 7 report.

8 **High Needs Block Budget Monitoring** 41 - 46

To consider the High Needs Block Budget Monitoring report.

9 **Special School in Financial Difficulty** 47 - 54

To consider the creation of the Special School in Financial Difficulty Fund to be funded from High Needs Block.

10 **Future Meeting Dates**

All meetings are in person at the Sandwell Council House.

- 15 January 2024
- 18 March 2024
- 1 July 2024

11 **AOB**

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Chief Executive

Sandwell Council House

Freeth Street

Oldbury

West Midlands

Distribution

N Toplass (Chair)

J Barry, M Arnull, S Baker, D Barton, E Benbow, L Bray, D Broadbent,
J Farmer, G Faux, K Featherstone, Flowers, A Gilbert, C Hadley, C Handy,
K Hazlewood, W Lawrence, L Mason, S Mistry, L Moore, R Reed, C Spooner,
D Steen, J Topham and Union

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Schools Forum Distribution to Members:

Body / Number of positions on Forum	Nominated Member	Nominated Substitute
Head Teachers Advisory Forum – Maintained Primary Schools (5)	Sally Baker Jamie Barry Wendy Lawrence Vacancy Seema Mistry	Lynne Paino Alison Connop Sarah Penny Nomination awaited Kelly Duff
School Governors – Maintained Primary Schools (2)	Deborah Steen Elaine Benbow	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
Head Teachers Advisory Forum – Maintained Secondary Schools (1)	Christina Handy-Rivett	Mike Smith
School Governors – Maintained Secondary Schools (1)	Dawn Broadbent	Nomination awaited
Special School (Maintained) (1)	Oliver Flowers	Nomination awaited
Pupil Referral Unit (Maintained) (1)	Kate Hazelwood	Nomination awaited
Academies Primary (3)	Ms L Bray Vacancy Vacancy	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
Academies Secondary (6)	Mark Arnull James Topham Leigh Moore George Faux Lisa Mason Keziah Featherstone	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
Special Academies	Neil Toplass	Nomination awaited
Trade Union (1)	Darren Barton	Phil Jones
Early Years Partnership (1)	Vacancy	Nomination awaited
14-19 Provider (1)	Claire Hadley	Mark Salter

Schools Forum: Voting Blocks (Who can vote and on what?)

Primary Maintained Block	Voting
	Can vote on all business except secondary school de-delegation.
Headteachers	
Sally Baker	
Jamie Barry	
Alison Gilbert	
Wendy Lawrence	
Seema Mistry	
Governors	
Deborah Steen	
Elaine Benbow	

Secondary Maintained Block	Voting
	Can vote on all business except primary school de-delegation.
Headteachers	
J Christina Handy-Rivett	
Governors	
Dawn Broadbent	

Special Block	Voting
Oliver Flowers	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and education functions.

Academies Block	Voting
Lucy Bray (Primary)	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and education functions.
Rob Reed (Primary)	
Joe Farmer (Primary)	
James Topham (Secondary)	
Mark Arnull (Secondary)	
Leigh Moore (Secondary)	
George Faux (Secondary)	
Lisa Mason (Secondary)	
Keziah Featherstone (Secondary)	

Schools Forum: Voting Blocks (Who can vote and on what?)

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Special Academies (1)	Voting
Neil Toplass	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and education functions.

Pupil Referral Unit	Voting
Kate Hazelwood	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and education functions.

NON-SCHOOL MEMBERS

Early Years Partnership	Voting
Claire Spooner	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and education functions.

Trade Union	Voting
Darren Barton NUT	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and school funding formula.

16-19 Provider	Voting
Claire Hadley	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and school funding formula.

Schools Forum: Quorum

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- (b) If the meeting is inquorate, it will be able to proceed but cannot legally take decisions (E.g. Election of a Chairperson, or a decision relating to funding conferred by the funding regulations). An inquorate meeting can respond to authority consultation and give views to the authority. The authority can take account of such views

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